

# Status of the Iowa Workforce and Economy

## Upcoming 2020 News Release Schedule

Reference Month	Statewide News Release	Local Area News Release
Jan	Mar 16	Mar 16
Feb	Mar 27	Mar 31
Mar	Apr 17	Apr 21
Apr	May 22	May 27
<b>May</b>	<b>Jun 19</b>	<b>Jun 23</b>
Jun	Jul 17	Jul 21
Jul	Aug 21	Aug 25
Aug	Sep 18	Sep 22
Sep	Oct 20	Oct 20
Oct	Nov 20	Nov 24
Nov	Dec 18	Dec 22
Dec	Jan 26	Jan 26

## Iowa Nonfarm Employment Seasonally Adjusted

Year	Month	Iowa Statewide Employment	Leisure & Hospitality Employment
2019	Oct	1,587,900	146,200
	Nov	1,586,000	145,500
	Dec	1,585,400	147,500
2020	Jan	1,585,000	146,500
	Feb	1,581,300	146,300
	Mar	1,572,400	142,200
	Apr	1,395,500	71,400
	<b>May</b>	<b>1,411,300</b>	<b>89,600</b>

## Iowa Workforce Development

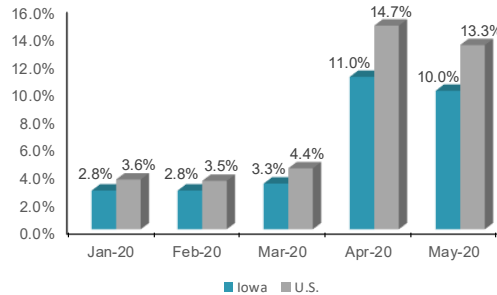
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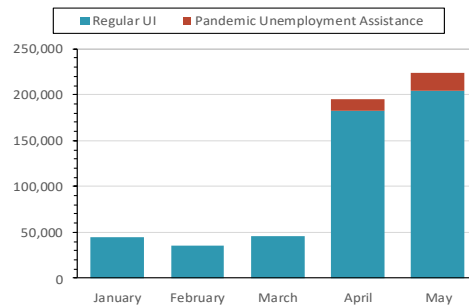
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## Iowa and U.S. Unemployment Rates - 2020



- Iowa's unemployment rate decreased to 10.0 percent in May. The state's jobless rate was 2.7 percent one year ago.
- The state's total unemployment level fell to 168,100 in May from 188,000 in April.
- The U.S. unemployment rate dropped to 13.3 percent in May.

## Unemployment Insurance Recipients\*



\*Recipients represents the number of persons receiving at least one UI payment during the month.

- Pandemic related layoffs caused the number of persons receiving regular unemployment insurance benefits to increase from 46,298 in March to 182,659 in April and 204,175 in May.
- The Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program provides benefits to persons who are unemployed due to the pandemic and are not eligible for regular unemployment benefits, such as self-employed and independent contractors. May PUA recipients totaled 19,710.

- Total nonfarm employment added 15,800 jobs in May following a loss of 176,900 jobs in April due to social distancing efforts.
- Leisure and hospitality increased by 18,200 jobs as bars and restaurants began taking preliminary steps to reopen.
- Government lost 8,400 jobs mostly at the local level and within education industries.
- Retail trade gained 5,100 jobs in May following a decrease of 19,100 in April.
- Manufacturing recovered by 2,900 jobs with all of the growth occurring in nondurable goods factories.
- Construction shed 300 jobs in May and has now lost jobs in four consecutive months, paring 9,400 jobs since January.
- Health care and social assistance gained 700 jobs in May but lags 15,700 jobs versus last year.
- Professional and business services added 1,600 jobs and was fueled by hiring in administrative support and waste management occupations.
- Total nonfarm employment still trails last year's mark by 11.0 percent. Larger gains, particularly within leisure and hospitality, are expected over the next few months.

## Annual Job Losses by Sector May 2020

